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In re Application of :
Alan Wong : DECISION GRANTING
Application No. 09/751,235 : PETITION
Filed: December 30, 2000 :
Attorney Docket No. 042390P10057 :

This is a decision on the paper styled "Request For Correction Of Filing Receipt" filed on August 22, 2001, which is being treated as a petition under 1.10(c), requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of December 30, 2000, rather than the presently accorded filing date of March 12, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in "Express Mail" service with the U.S. Postal Service, on December 30, 2000. In support, petitioner provided a copy of the Express Mail label, receipt no. EL431882195US, showing a Date-In of December 30, 2000. The same Express Mail number was referred to in the original transmittal letter found in the present application. Petitioner requests that the application be accorded a filing date of December 30, 2000.

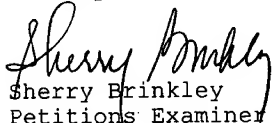
The Office considers the date the paper or fee is shown to have been deposited as "Express Mail" to be the "Date In" on the Express Mail label, MPEP 513. That is the date that verifies that the package was actually mailed. In view of the above, the evidence is convincing that the application was deposited as "Express Mail" with the US Postal Service on December 30, 2000.

The petition is granted. A copy of the corrected Filing Receipt is enclosed.

No petition fee is required and none has been charged.

The application is being returned to Technology Center AU 1772 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to
Wan Laymon at (703) 306-5685.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Brinkley".

Sherry Brinkley
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Enclosure: Corrected Filing Receipt